

For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED Ex
 "AMERICAN MAIL," &c.
 -For Sale.-

Codfish BALLS.
 Pig's Head CHERSE.
 Devilled HAM.
 Compressed HAM.
 CAVIARE.
 California Golden SYRUP.

 Marzetti's CIDER.
 Whittaker's HAMS.
 OOMB HONEY in Frame and
 Bottle.
 Very Fine Eastern CREAM
 CHERSE.
 Pickled OX-TONGUES.
 Pickled PIG PORK.
 Boneless CODFISH.
 Salmon BELLIES.

 MACKEREL.

 Green TURTLE, 1lb. and 2lb. Tins.
 Borden's Condensed MILK (very fresh).
 California BISCUITS in Oak and Tin.
 Ginger CAKES.

 Milk BISCUITS.
 Soda BISCUITS.
 Wafer BISCUITS.
 Alphabet BISCUITS.
 Oyster BISCUITS.

 CORNMEAL.
 RYE MEAL.
 HOMINY, Small and Large.
 Cracked WHEAT.

 OATMEAL.

 SHELLBACK.
 PEAN, and
 BARCELONA NUTS.

 Canned Table Fruits.
 Bartlett PEARS.
 PEACHES.
 GREENGAGES.
 APRICOTS.
 QUINCES.
 &c., &c.

 CROSBY & BLACKWELL'S
 HOUSEHOLD STORES.

 JOHN MOIR & SONS'
 CELEBRATED PRESERVES.

 CHURCH'S PADLOCKS.
 TILL LOCKS.
 BOX LOCKS.
 OUPBOARD LOCKS.
 &c., &c.

 American PADLOCKS, and
 Builder's LOCKS.
 JOSEPH RODGERS & Sons' Table

 Combination Champagne KNIVES,
 Pocket KNIVES,
 SOUSERS,
 RAZORS,
 &c., &c.

 Bussier's Patent Pneumatic GUN.
 ALLUMINIUM Gold PEN and PENCIL
 CASES.
 Billiard CHALK and CUE TIPS.
 WELLINGTON'S Knife POLISH.
 PLATE POWDER.
 Metallic TAPE LINES.

 A Large Assortment of
 FANCY AND OFFICE
 STATIONERY.
 Superfine Note PAPER, from 50 Cents per
 Box, of 5 Quires.
 ENVELOPES, from 20 Cents per Hundred.
 FOOLSCAP.
 Letter PAPER.
 Blotting PAPER.
 Printing PAPER.
 Drawing PAPER.
 Blank BOOKS.
 Copying BOOKS.
 OIL PAPER.
 Drying PAPER.
 Blotting PADS.

 PENS.

 INK.
 AND ALL OFFICE
 REQUISITES.

 N.B.—Our Papers and Envelopes are im-
 ported direct from Manufacturer, and
 the quality for price is unsurpassed,
 if not unequalled in Hongkong.

NOVELS! **NOVELS!!** **NOVELS!!!**
 WORKS OF REFERENCE,
 SCHOOL BOOKS,
 SCIENTIFIC
 WORKS,
 &c.

 Very Fine "Cable Coil" TOBACCO,
 "Empress of India," and
 Best "Navy" in Stocks.

 CIGARS,
 CAVIARE,
 PRINCESS,
 FORTIN, and
 MERISIG.

 CHOCOLATE, CAVIARE, AND PRINCESS.

 SHIPS' STORES of every Description,
 HEMP, and COTTON OANVAS.
 RUSSIAN, MANILLA, and WIRE ROPE.
 SAIL-MAKING, and RIGGING promptly
 executed.
 Hongkong, May 13, 1880.

Intimations.

**TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT BY THE
 DIRECTORS
 OF THE
 NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA,
 LIMITED.**

The Directors beg to submit the General
 Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account
 of the Bank for the year ended 31st Decem-
 ber last, duly audited.
 The Net Profit for the year,
 after making provision
 for bad and doubtful
 debts, amounts to..... £35,996 15 4
 which, with the amount
 brought forward from last
 year..... 4,278 9 5
 Makes a total of £40,275 4 9

An ad interim Dividend, at
 the rate of 5 per cent. per
 annum, free of income-
 tax, was paid for the half-
 year ended 30th June
 last, amounting to..... £11,631 5 0
 It is now proposed to make
 a further distribution at
 the same rate, free of in-
 come-tax, amounting to..... 11,631 5 0
 To carry to Reserve Fund..... 15,000 0 0
 And to next Account..... 2,012 14 9
 £40,275 4 9

The Directors believe that the Share-
 holders will approve of the policy of in-
 creasing the Reserve Fund, even should
 that involve temporarily a moderate rate
 of dividend.
 The addition above proposed will raise
 the Reserve Fund to £25,000.
 It gives the Directors pleasure to repeat
 the assurance that the business of the Bank
 continues satisfactory at all points.
 The following Directors retire on this
 occasion, but being eligible, offer
 themselves for re-election:—RICHARD
 PETER HARRISON, Esq., C.S.I., HERBERT
 KNOWLES, Esq., and SETH A. APGAR, Esq.
 It will be necessary to elect Auditors—
 Messrs. C. N. COOKE and FRANCIS COOPER,
 the retiring Auditors, offer themselves for
 re-election.
 By order of the Board,
 R. O. SAWERS, Joint General
 ROBERT CAMPBELL, Joint General
 National Bank of India, Limited,
 London, 30th March, 1880.

**GENERAL BALANCE SHEET
 OF THE
 NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA,
 LIMITED.**

For the Year ended 31st December, 1879.
 Dr. LIABILITIES. £ s. d. £ s. d.

To Capital, consisting of
 37,320 Shares of
 £25 each, with £12 10s.
 paid up..... 466,500 0 0
 Less 100
 Shares of
 £25 each,
 originally sub-
 scribed for, but not
 taken up..... 1,250 0 0
 To Reserve Fund..... 465,250 0 0
 To Amount due on Current
 and Fixed Deposit and
 other Accounts..... 2,073,217 15 5
 To Bills Payable..... 1,069,652 9 11
 To Profit and Loss Account,
 as under..... 28,643 19 9
 £3,685,764 5 1

To Liability on Bills receivable re-dis-
 counted £2,070,188 1s. 6d., of which, up to
 this date, £1,300,812 11s. have run off.

ASSETS. £ s. d. £ s. d.

By Cash on
 hand and at
 Bankers..... 497,728 13 4
 By Bullion..... 288,730 9 10
 By Govern-
 ment Secu-
 rities..... 421,355 17 8
 1,167,824 0 10
 By House Property, Fur-
 niture, and Stamps..... 49,620 9 3
 By Bills of Exchange..... 2,064,673 11 9
 By Loans on Government
 and other Securities..... 403,746 3 3
 £3,685,764 5 1

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.
 For the Year ended 31st December, 1879.

April 24th, 1879. £ s. d.

To Dividend at the rate of 4
 per cent. per annum for the
 half-year ended 31st
 December, 1879..... 9,805 0 0
 To ad interim Dividend at the
 rate of 5 per cent. per
 annum, for the half-year
 ended 30th June, 1879..... 11,631 5 0
 To Balance..... 28,643 19 9
 £40,275 4 9

Dec. 31st, 1879. £ s. d.

By Balance..... 18,638 9 5
 Dec. 31st, 1879.
 By Net Profit for the Year
 ended 31st December, 1879,
 after defraying all Current
 Charges, Rebates, and In-
 terests paid and due to Con-
 stituents on Current and
 Fixed Deposit Accounts,
 making provision for all
 Bad and Doubtful Debts..... 35,996 15 4
 £40,275 4 9

R. O. SAWERS, Joint General
 ROBERT CAMPBELL, Joint General
 R. H. BANNISTER, Sub-Manager &
 R. O. CAMPBELL, Accountant.
 JOHN BORRADAILE, Directors.
 J. R. BOYSON, Directors.

We have compared the above Balance
 Sheet with the Books and Vouchers kept
 in London, and the Certified Returns from
 the Branches, and find the same in ac-
 cordance therewith.

O. N. COOKE, Auditors.
 FRANCIS COOPER, Auditors.
 (Cooper Brothers & Co.)
 London, 30th March, 1880. my17

NOTICE.
 ALL persons having CLAIMS against
 the Estate of the late H. R. WIL-
 HAM, in China, and all persons INDEBTED
 thereto, are requested to forward their
 claims, and to make payment of their in-
 debtedness to the undersigned, on or before
 the 30th proximo.
 J. C. WARDLAW,
 Executor & Liquidator of the above Estate.
 Amoy, April 21, 1880. my24

Mails.

**MITSUBISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP
 COMPANY.**

**STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE
 AND INLAND SEA.**

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain
 HUBNER, due here on or about the
 10th instant, will be despatched as above
 on SATURDAY, the 15th May, at Day-
 light.

Cargo received on board and Parcels at
 the Office up to 6 p.m. of 14th May.
 No Bill of Lading signed under \$2
 Freight.

All Claims must be settled on board
 before delivery is taken, otherwise they
 will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
 To KOBE..... Cabin \$60. Storage \$15.
 " YOKOHAMA &c. Do. \$75. Do. 30.
 " NAGASAKI..... Do. \$75. Do. 30.
 A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CARGO
 Passages.

CARGO AND PASSENGERS for Nagasaki
 will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail
 Steamer at Kobe.

For further Particulars, apply at the
 Company's Offices, No. 50A, QUEEN'S
 ROAD CENTRAL.
 Hongkong, May 1, 1880. my15

**STEAM FOR
 SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
 GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
 BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-
 TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
 AFRICA, AND LONDON,
 VIA BOMBAY;**

ALSO,
 BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
 AUSTRALIA.

**THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
 NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
 NIZAM,** Captain G. W. BLADY,
 will leave this on MONDAY, the 17th instant,
 at 5 p.m.

Tea and General Cargo for London will
 be conveyed via Bombay without trans-
 shipment, arriving one week later than by
 direct route. Silk and Valuable will be
 transferred to the Calcutta steamer at
 Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
 A. McIVER, Superintendent.
 Hongkong, May 3, 1880. my17

NOTICE.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.**

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

**STEAM FOR
 SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
 POINT DE GALLE,
 ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
 SAID, NAPLES, AND
 MARSEILLES;**

ALSO,
 PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA
 AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON MONDAY, the 24th day of May,
 1880, at Noon, the Company's
 S. S. PERHO, Commandant PASQUALELLI,
 with MAELS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
 and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
 above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
 London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
 cepted in transit through Marseilles for
 the principal places of Europe.
 Shipping Orders will be granted until
 Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on
 the 23rd of May, 1880. Parcels are not
 to be sent on board; they must be left
 at the Agency's Office.

Contents and value of Packages are re-
 quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
 Company's Office.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, May 10, 1880. my24

Insurances.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE
 ASSOCIATION.**

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up)..... £1,420,000
 PERMANENT RESERVE..... £1,230,000
 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... £1,230,000

TOTAL CAPITAL AND AC-
 CUMULATION, 8th
 April, 1880..... £3,880,000

Directors.
 F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
 W. M. BOYD, Esq. W. M. MYERSON, Esq.
 J. H. PINCKVOS, Esq. F. D. HIRCH, Esq.
 Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
 Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH:
 Messrs BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
 Bankers.

**RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
 8, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill, E.C.**

Policies granted on Marine Risks to all
 parts of the World.
 Subject to a charge of 12 1/2 per cent. for Interest
 on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS
 of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are an-
 nually distributed among all Contributors
 of Business in proportion to the Premiums
 paid by them.
 RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, May 11, 1880. 10c80

Insurances.

**QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY.**

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
 Policies against FIRE to the extent of
 £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored
 therein, at current local rates, subject to a
 Discount of 20% on the Premium.

**NORTON & Co.,
 Agents.**
 Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

**MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
 COMPANY OF
 MANCHESTER AND LONDON.**

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Starting
 of which is paid up £ 100,000 "
 Reserve Fund upwards of £ 120,000 "
 Annual Income £ 250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed
 Agents for the above Company at
 Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,
 and Hankow, and are prepared to grant
 Insurances at current rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents.**
 Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

**LANCASHIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY.**

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
 Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
 Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
 Goods on Board Vessels and on Hulls of
 Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms
 and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-
 ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
 for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
 first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
 Life.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of pro-
 posals or any other information, apply to
 ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
 Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
 Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

**NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
 INSURANCE COMPANY.**

Incorporated by Royal Charter and
 Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong
 for the above Company, are prepared to
 grant Policies against FIRE, to the
 extent of £10,000 on any Building, or
 on Merchandise in the same, at the
 usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
 per cent.

**GILMAN & Co.,
 Agents.**
 Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

**SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE
 COMPANY.**

FIRE AND LIFE.

INSURANCES against FIRE granted at
 Current Rates. Considerable Reduction
 in Premium for LIFE Insurance in
 China.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, June 2, 1879. 2j80

**SWISS LLOYD
 TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY
 OF WINTERTHUR.**

INSURANCES granted on MARINE
 RISKS to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, June 9, 1879. 3j80

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
 Company, are prepared to grant in-
 surances at current rates.

**MELOCHERS & Co.,
 Agents, Royal Insurance Company.**
 Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
 COMPANY, LIMITED.**

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of
 China and Japan, and at Singapore,
 Saigon and Penang.

Kinds accepted, and Policies of Insurance
 granted at the rates of Premium current at
 the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGES FOR POLICY FEES.

**JAS. B. COUGHTRY,
 Secretary.**
 Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
 of
 His Majesty King George The First,
 A. D. 1720.

HE Undersigned having been appointed
 Agents for the above Corporation are
 prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.
 Policies at current rates payable either
 here, in London or at the principal Ports
 of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
 Policies issued for long or short periods at
 current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Life Department.
 Policies issued for sums not exceeding
 £5,000 at reduced rates.

**HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
 Agents.**
 Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
 S. S. "SUMIDA MARU," FROM
 KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
 Vessel are hereby requested to send in
 their Bills of Lading for counter signature,
 and take immediate delivery of their Goods
 from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or re-
 maining on board after TUESDAY, the
 11th instant, will be landed and stored at
 Consignee's expense and risk.
 No Fire Insurance will be effected.

**MITSUBISHI MAIL S. S. Co.,
 50A, Queen's Road Central.**
 Hongkong, May 8, 1880. my15

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
 The Steamship "Celtic Monarch," will be
 despatched for Shanghai, on MONDAY,
 the 19th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
 RUSSELL & Co.
 Hongkong, May 14, 1880. my19

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-
 structions to sell by Public Auction, on
 MONDAY,
 the 17th May, 1880, at Noon, at the
 Godowns of E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.,—
 1 Chest Old PATNA OPIUM.
 Ex S. S. "Arratoon Apear."

MORE or less damaged by sea water.
 (For account of the concerned.)

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before deli-
 very, in Bank Notes. All Lots with
 faults and errors of description, to be
 at purchaser's risk on the fall of the
 hammer.

**H. N. MODY,
 Auctioneer.**
 Hongkong, May 14, 1880. my17

**FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
 SINGAPORE.**

THE Steamship "Celtic Monarch," Captain
 ROPE, having arrived from the above
 Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby re-
 quested to send in their Bills of Lading to
 the Undersigned for counter signature, and
 to take immediate delivery of their Goods
 from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
 Steamer will be at once landed and stored
 at their risk and expense, and no Fire
 Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
 Shanghai unless notice to the contrary be
 given before 10 a.m. To-morrow, the 15th
 instant.

**RUSSELL & Co.,
 Agents.**
 Hongkong, May 14, 1880. my21

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-
 Ship Company.**

**TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
 PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
 STATES AND EUROPE,
 IN CONNECTION WITH THE
 CENTRAL
 AND
 UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
 RAILROAD COMPANIES
 AND
 ATLANTIC STEAMERS.**

THE S. S. BELGIC will be despatched
 for San Francisco via Yokohama,
 on MONDAY, the 24th May, 1880, at
 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for
 Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central
 and South America, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
 Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
 4 p.m. of the 23rd May. PARCEL
 PACKAGES will be received at the Office
 until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages
 should be marked to address in full; value
 of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-
 SAGE TICKETS.

Consular Invoices to accompany Over-
 land, Mexican, Central and South American
 Cargo, should be sent to the Company's
 Offices addressed to the Collector of Cu-
 stoms, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight
 or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
 Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.
 G. B. EMORY, Agent.
 Hongkong, May 14, 1880. my24

TO LET.

THE RANGHO (formerly owned by
 Capt. Thompson), next to Mr. Kim's
 House at the GAP.

Apply to
 Mr. R. G. ALFORD.
 Hongkong, May 14, 1880. my28

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
 Owners will be Responsible for
 any Debt contracted by the Officers or
 Crew of the following Vessels, during
 their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ARNOLD B. HALL, American barkentine,
 Capt. Chas. H. Nelson.—Wilester & Co.
 Owners, Bremen & Co.

OWEN, British steamer, Captain J. O.
 Owens.—Stamess & Co.

JAVA, British steamer, Capt. J. de Rid-
 der.—Stamess & Co.

CATALINA, Bolivian bark, Captain M. A.
 Austin.—Stamess & Co.

KILMARNOCK, British steamer, Capt. H.
 O'Neill.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CHINGAL, British bark, Captain J.
 Fringie.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LEWELLYN J. MORSE, American ship,
 Capt. F. B. Ames.—Russell & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 13, Liverpool J. Morse, American
 ship, 1883, R. B. Ames, Yokohama April
 20, On and Baller.—Russell & Co.

May 14, Celtic Monarch, British steamer,
 1808, Alfred Roper, London March 19,
 Port Said, Suez, Penang, and Singapore,
 General.—Russell & Co.

May 14, Diamante, British steamer, 514,
 R. Cullen, Amoy May 13, General.—
 Russell & Co.

May 14, Malacca, British steamer, 1044,
 W. A. Seaton, Yokohama May 6, Mails and
 General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

May 14, Fough Balough, German barque,
 278, D. Kite, Newchwang April 22, Beane,
 CARLOWITZ & Co.

DEPARTURES.

May 13, Graef von Blandt, for Macao, &c.
 14, 276, for Tientsin.

14, Glenroy, for Swatow, &c.
 14, Yangtze, for Shanghai.

14, Peshawar, for Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Yotting, for Swatow.
 And S. Hall, for Choofo.

Sumida Maru, for Kobe, &c.
 Mamul, for Manila.
 Aday, for Amoy, &c.
 Kiangchow, for Hoihow.
 Suan Pan, for Bangkok.
 Mochi, for Nagasaki.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Malacca, from Yokohama, Mr and
 Mrs Chipp and child, Mr J. Henry, Mr and
 Mrs Biggleston, Messrs W. Dames, Howie,
 and A. McDonald, MacCall, and Nielson,
 D.B.S., and 4 Chinese.

Per Celtic Monarch, from Straits, 5 Chi-
 nese.

Per Diamante, from Amoy, 170 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Peshawar, for Shanghai: from Hong-
 kong, Mrs Reuben Solomon, Mrs Kite, Mrs
 Forrest and 2 native servants, Mr Kondo,
 and 18 Chinese; from Southampton, Mrs
 A. O. Burnett and child, Mrs Woolley, 2
 children and ayah; from Bombay, Mr and
 Mrs Lalca and child, Mr Gubbay, six
 children and three servants; from Singa-
 pore, Mr Leithbridge and servant.

Per Glenroy, for Amoy, Mr E. N. Rowe;
 for Swatow, 18 Chinese.

Per Yangtze, for Shanghai, 1 European,
 and 29 Chinese.

TO DEPART.

Per Sumida Maru, for Kobe, &c., 2
 Europeans, and 8 Chinese.

Per Aday, for Amoy, &c., 50 Chinese.

Per Kiangchow, for Hoihow, 30 Chi-
 nese.

Per Suan Pan, for Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The American ship *Llewellyn J. Morse*
 reports: Light winds and calm.

The British steamer *Celtic Monarch* re-
 ports: Was detained 5 days in the Suez
 Canal, through the Canal being blocked by
 the grounding of the S. S. *Marcia* therein.
 Fine weather throughout.

The British steamer *Diamante* reports:
 Left Amoy on 18th May. Had moderate
 N.E. winds and hazy weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

**FOR STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND
 CALCUTTA.**
 Per Suez and Arratoon Apear, at 2.30
 p.m., on Saturday, the 15th inst.

FOR MANILA.
 Per Diamante, at 3.30 p.m., on Sat-
 urday, the 15th inst.

FOR SAIGON.
 Per America, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday,
 the 15th inst.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCOW.
 Per Nemoa, at 8.30 a.m., on Sunday,
 the 16th inst.

FOR BANGKOK.
 Per Rajamattimular, at 5 p.m., on Mon-
 day, the 17th inst.

FOR NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.
 Per Malacca, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday,
 the 18th inst.

FOR SHANGHAI.
 Per Celtic Monarch, at 11.30 a.m., on
 Wednesday, the 19th inst.

FOR SAIGON.
 Per Tumi, at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, the
 19th inst.

MAILS BY THE THAMES STRAITS PACKET.
 The Australian Contract Packet *Brabant*,
 will be despatched from Hongkong, on
 SATURDAY, the 15th instant, with
 Mails for Singapore, Thursday Island,
 Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen,
 Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tas-
 mania, New Zealand, Fiji, and Mel-
 bourne.

Correspondence cannot be Registered after
 3.15 p.m.

The Mails will be closed at 3.30 p.m. Sup-
 ply of mail on board with 10 cents
 late for till time of departure.

Correspondence for Southern and Western
 Australia can be sent by this route if
 desired, but as a general rule it is
 better to send it via Galle.

Hongkong, May 7, 1880. my15

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET.
 The British Contract Packet *Nizam*
 will be despatched from Hongkong, on
 the 17th May, with Mails to and
 through the United Kingdom and
 Europe via Brindisi, to the Straits
 Settlements, Batavia, Borneo, Ceylon,
 India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gib-
 raltar. This is the best opportunity
 for forwarding Correspondence to Man-
 ritius, E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena,
 and Ascension.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the
 Australian Colonies.

HOUSE OF CLOSING.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The following hours are observed in closing
 Mails, &c., by the British Contract
 Packet:—

Day of Departure.
 1 p.m.—Money Order Office closes.
 2 p.m.—Registered Letters sent.
 Posting of all printed matter
 and patterns ceases.

3 p.m.—Mails closed, except for Late
 Letters.

4.10 p.m.—Letters may be posted with
 Mails, Late Fee of 10 cents added.

4.30 p.m.—when the Post Office closes
 entirely.

4.40 p.m.—Late Letters may be posted
 on board the packet with Late
 Fee of 10 cents until time of
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Alloy leaves for Amoy, &c.
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 Yokohama, &c.

Notice of optional cargo per Celtic Mon-
 arch to be given before 10 a.m.

3 p.m.—Suez and Arratoon Apear leave
 for Singapore, &c.

4 p.m.—Diamante leaves for Singapore,
 Brisbane, &c.

4 p.m.—Diamante leaves for Manila.

Goods per *Iravaddy* undelivered after
 Noon, subject to rent and landing
 charges.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, May 16:—
 9 a.m.—Nemoa leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, May 17:—
 Local Banks close.
 Noon.—Auction of Patna Opium at Mr
 E. R. Bellios's godown.

5 p.m.—English Mail leaves for Ports of
 Call and Europe.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

WEDNESDAY, May 19:—
 Noon.—Celtic Monarch leaves for Shanghai.
 6 p.m.—Tumi leaves for Saigon.

MONDAY, May 24:—
 Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
 Call and Europe.

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
 Steamer *Belgia* leaves for Yokohama
 and San Francisco.

TUESDAY, May 25:—
 2 p.m.—Auction of Plant, Machinery,
 &c., at "The Victoria Foundry."

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1880.

CHINESE NOTES.

The female head-dress anciently called
 the 髻 is still worn on certain occasions
 by the Hakka women, and is by them
 called the 髻, which word is also used
 as a verb in the sense of "tying" the
 same round the head. The 髻 or
 chignon of the Cantonese is called by
 the Hakka 髻 髻.

"Square measure" is expressed in
 Chinese by 平方之法. Thus "ten
 miles square" contains one hundred square
 miles. 方十里者方一里者

百. There were in ancient times only
 eight inches to the Chinese foot, instead of
 ten, as at present, and one 步 consisted
 of 64 inches; i.e. eight ancient and 6.4
 modern feet. In modern times the 步
 seems to be usually taken as five feet.

lung. This appears to be some part of the illy plant before it has brought forth flowers. A cake called 茶餅 or "tea-cake," is also sold to travellers for chewing on the road. It is said to quench the thirst almost as well as the tea decoction itself.

The terms yin and yang, besides meaning male and female, concrete and abstract, light and shadow, earthly and ghostly, and so on,—have a meaning in connection with every department of physics or metaphysics. For instance the breath is yang, and the blood is yin. The distinction between arteries and blood-vessels is probably unknown to the Chinese, but the former would be yang and the latter yin.

It appears from the Peking Gazette that the Governor of Shan Si has succeeded in inducing the Emperor to forego the tribute of 300 water-melons which were formerly due annually from that Province. In the year 1799 the tribute was reduced from 600 to 300, but 300 have usually been sent. The nominal value is trifling, but advantage was taken of the occasion by official harpies to levy enormous squeezes, and to make the tribute a really serious charge on the people.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Genoa received to-day at 4 o'clock on board the Italian corvette *Vettor Pisani*, the visit of H. E. Dr. Elmore, Peruvian Minister in China, Japan &c.

The Raquet Handicap for the "A" class was concluded yesterday. Mr Friend and Mr Hynes, the two final competitors, both played in first-rate form, and nothing could be more interesting than the determined efforts of each competitor to secure the prize. The pace was killing, and long before the first game was over, both combatants showed signs of exhaustion. As by the second game was contested and the first game found both parties at 13 together. A set of "five" was claimed by Mr Friend, and Mr Hynes at length gave in, and Mr Friend winner of the first game by three aces.

The second game was equally well contested, but the prolonged exertions began to tell upon the "old" man, and after a most gallant struggle he was compelled to succumb to his more youthful opponent's determined and well-sustained play. Mr Friend emerged from the court black but triumphant in the face, and Mr Hynes in a few minutes was as radiant as ever. Mr Friend is thus the winner of the "A" handicap for 1880.

The British steamer *Jedidah* which left yesterday for Swatow &c., having in tow a steam-launch purchased for the owners' agents at Singapore, put back this afternoon to be relieved of her charge. The launch had broken adrift twice, and after being again taken in tow, she got under the ship's quarter and got somewhat damaged. The master (Captain Clark) thought it best to bring her back here, and she is now lying over at Kowloon Dock, where she will be repaired. The steamer, which is not damaged worth speaking of, anchored so as to communicate with the agent, and proceeded again on her voyage in the evening.

H. E. Governor Weld, in his farewell speech at a dinner given to him at Hobart Town, on his leaving Tasmania, pitifully said that a colonial Governor "ought not to be a mediator, and also ought not to be passive in the hands of his Ministers."

The Indo-British Opium Trade and its Effects, published by Messrs Nisbet and Co., is known to be a translation of a work by Dr. Christlieb, of Berlin. The Chinese Ambassador at Berlin, Li-Hong-Foo, has now informed the author that he has himself made a translation of the work, in order to make his Government thoroughly acquainted with the details of the opium trade.

M.M. Peyroussot and d'Inverville, two officers on the staff of the Governor of Saigon, have been despatched on an exploring expedition in Cochinchina to the north-west of Tay Ninh, in order to ascertain the feasibility of a plan for meeting that post with Phnom-penh by a railway to be continued to Saigon, with a branch line to Hnâ.

The authorities at Onaka having lately organized a water police force, with the centralization at Aikawa, other stations are now to be established at various places on the water-ways throughout the city. It is stated in the *Osaka Shimpô* that boats with fire engines on board are to be constructed, and these will be in charge of the water police. This new force will be of great service in case of fire. At the Aikawa station, the members of the force are to be taught swimming and rowing,—and this training is most essential to the efficient discharge of their duties.

Information received from Yampin, May 10th, the *Straits Times* learns that on or about the 10th ultimo, Inoh Andek, the Maharajah's Chief at Muar accompanied by 600 men, came from Bumbong and attacked Yampin and Kru, burning 50 houses at the former place and 90 at the latter, and carrying away 100 Bumbong betel nut trees, 1000000 of rice. It is further said that 11 men were killed and 8 wounded on the attacking side.

Poor Dr. Kennedy, who has just been called to his last home, went before the doctors of St. John's, in *forma pauperis*. In his address he said the expenses of his "gentle" were more than he could afford, and he asked help from all who wished to maintain the independent opinion of the borough. The costs of the last election were, he said, paid by himself, and were more than in justice to

his position, debared as he was from doing his duty, he ought to have incurred.

The Pioneer thinks Mr. Griffith's speech raises the Afghan policy of the Indian Government above the level of party disputes. So certain was the issue of the electoral campaign in England at the time that speech was delivered that the Indian Government, it is hardly here, associated such plain speaking about the future without some assurance that their words would not be stifled by the Ministry that is coming in.

The Shanghai Courier of the 6th instant says:—

The following steamers have gone up the Yangtze to load tea at Hankow:—*Glennora*, *London Castle*, *Galley of Lorne*, *Breconshire*, and *Achilles*. The *London Castle* leaves on Saturday, the *Glennora* on Saturday, and the *Glennora* probably on the same day. The *Strathleven*, *Hesperia*, *Cairnmuir* and *Hankow* will follow, the three former at an early date and the latter in June. The names of the pilots engaged were given below:—*Messrs. Walker, Glenavoy, Eiben, Glenavoy, Pike, Glenavoy, Coates, London Castle, Suesich, Malabar, Dalrymple, Galley of Lorne, Nelson, Breconshire, Robinson, Hankow*, and *Carter, Hesperia*. Although the *Glennora* has gone up river, it is intended that the *Glennora* shall leave Hankow before her. In the meantime she will take up a berth and hold it till the arrival of the other vessel.

The Dumfriesshire election which resulted in the return by a majority of 72 of the Liberal candidate, Mr Robert Jardine of Castlehill, a member of the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., and a gentleman who was out here some considerable time ago, seems to have been of a remarkably lively nature. Party feeling ran extremely high, and on the Col. Walker side personalities not very creditable to his agents or supporters were indulged in. The local Standard says:—

The result in Dumfriesshire is a surprise and yet it is not a surprise. Anything else could hardly have been expected from a cool consideration of all the slender chances, and yet the most sanguine could hardly have ventured to anticipate it. The array of territorial influence against the Liberal candidate was immense, and Colonel Walker, an able and popular man, was unquestionably a formidable opponent. But however depressed the Liberal cause might be in themselves, their effect was counteracted by the knowledge of the decided Liberal reaction that had set in, the comparative neutrality of the Raehills interest, the silent doggedness that one encountered among the tenants in every parish, indicating discontent with things as they are, and a resolution to do their duty in their own way to have them remedied, and next to the popularity of Mr Jardine, the fatal advocacy that Colonel Walker's claims received in the kept press of every party, and the numerous falsehoods that were coined for the purpose of damaging the Liberal candidate. When these circumstances were considered, one could not bring himself to realise the possibility of Mr Jardine's defeat; and the hopes that thus sprung up were heightened into a happy conviction on witnessing the cheery faces of the Liberal Committee, and the way in which the electors came forward to record their votes. The seat has been honourably won in a fair stand-up fight; its occupant is Mr Jardine of Castlehill, and in the future may enjoy it as a landmark for the inevitable extension of the suffrage that will be one of the first reforms of the Liberal Parliament will render it unassailable by the Tories for all time to come. The memory of the success will long survive, and generations yet unborn will be reminded by the fact that the work part in the fray—"It was a glorious victory."

One of the most pleasing features of the elections and one highly to the credit of Mr Jardine was a meeting voluntarily held by the tenants on the estates in Dumfriesshire owned by Mr Jardine, at which the following resolutions were passed:—

"That this meeting of Mr Jardine's tenants, called together spontaneously by themselves, and so far as they know without Mr Jardine's knowledge, protest against the statements published against Mr Jardine's character as a landlord in the *Scottish Herald* and *Dumfriesshire Courier* newspapers."

"That the statements in the newspapers before mentioned, to the effect that Mr Jardine's tenants are oppressed, and their crops eaten up with game, are utterly untrue and altogether contrary to fact."

"That the statements in these newspapers that Mr Jardine is a hard and exacting landlord are false and unfounded."

"That on no estate in Scotland, in the opinion of this meeting, does there exist a more free, cordial, and friendly intercourse between landlord and tenant than there exists between Mr Jardine and the tenants on his estates; and that the gross misrepresentations in these papers already referred to are viewed by them with regret and indignation."

"That the language contained in the *Dumfriesshire Herald* of Wednesday last, to the effect that Mr Jardine's tenants are no better than slaves "under a South American planter," is not only insulting to this meeting, but is also an insult to, as well as an imputing libel upon, every tenant farmer in the county of Dumfriesshire."

REGARDING the relations of Russia and China, the *Journal de St. Pétersbourg* says it is in a position to announce that, according to the latest intelligence from Peking, the Chinese Government displays a desire to renew negotiations on the subject of Kuljda.

As the treaty concluded in St. Petersburg by Chung Hoo cannot be ratified, the Argus, Peking, Chinese Ambassador in Paris is to come to the Russian capital to carry on the new negotiations. According to news which has reached Vienna, the Governor-General of East Siberia has telegraphed to St. Petersburg that it was not Chinese troops but irregular Tartar hordes which broke into the peninsula of Kichin and advanced to Ustui, where they tried to pass the Amur, but were unsuccessful because some small Russian garrisons now defend the Amur. The Chinese Government is declared to be quite innocent of the invasion, and is expected to punish the Tartar hordes sharply.

subsequent career has been very encouraging. To show the craving for religious teaching, the speaker told of a Chinaman who committed suicide in consequence of repeated disappointments to procure the services of a catechist in the district in which he lived. Some startling facts as to the power of the passion for opium in China were related. Mr Wolfe spoke of the Chinese as an interesting people, and as not being "malicious and false," as they are often represented.—*L. & C. Express.*

The Navy List for the month of April shows several marked changes. Admiral Hornby is no longer the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean fleet, having been relieved by Vice-Admiral Sir Beauchamp Seymour, who flies his flag in the *Assoluto*. Sir G. Murray has left the Mediterranean, and the only other flag-officer in those waters is Rear-Admiral M'Crea, the Admiral-Superintendent at Malta. The Mediterranean fleet now numbers twenty vessels, of which six, the *Alexandra*, *Invincible*, *Monarch*, *Zeus*, *Albatross*, and *Thunderer*, are ironclads. The Channel Squadron consists of four ironclads—the *Achilles*, *Agincourt*, *Minotaur*, and *Northumberland*, and one despatch-vessel; Rear-Admiral Hood is in command, but there is a second flag-officer aloft in the person of Rear-Admiral Waddell. In China there is a very large British force, the total number of ships being twenty-one, the largest fleet, numerically speaking, under any of our Admirals. In the North American and West Indian squadrons there are twelve ships—not including the *Bacchante*, with the Royal cadets on board—under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Leopold M'Climont, who flies his flag in the *Northampton* ironclad. The Pacific fleet includes two ironclads, the *Triumph* and the *Shannon*, and eight other craft, and the officers of Rear-Admiral Stirling, while the East Indies has no ironclad at all attached, and masters twelve war vessels, with Rear-Admiral Gore Jones in command. The Australian and African squadrons are commanded by Commodore only, the former being composed of nine craft and the latter of ten. On the south-east coast of America are four ships, forming a sort of sub-command, and on "surveying service" there are other six of the Queen's ships engaged. 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